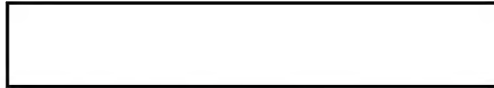


April 9, 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR:



SUBJECT : Request from Norm Cornish, Staff Director,
House Government Operations Subcommittee
on Conservation, Energy, and Natural
Resources

Regarding Mr. Cornish's request for information on the environmental problems the Soviets reportedly are having in a large oil shale excavation in Estonia, the appropriate OER analyst has told me that we have no information to contribute on this matter. We can neither confirm nor deny that such problems exist. Given the size of Soviet oil shale operations in Estonia, however, it is possible that the Soviets would resort to dumping tailings in a lake.



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